June 28, 2019

Austin R. Evers Executive Director, American Oversight 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite B255 Washington, DC 20005

Re: CBP-2018-065315 Et al.

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is an initial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Responses made will encompass responsive records from one or more of the following requests your office has made:

CBP-2018-065315 CBP-2018-065316 CBP-2018-073709 CBP-2019-004718 CBP-2019-004726 CBP-2019-004738

Four hundred and seventy-eight pages of records were processed for request CBP-2019-004726. After a review of the records, the following determinations were made:

- Four hundred and sixty-five pages of records were determined to be non-responsive.
- Thirteen pages of records were determined to be responsive.

The 13 pages of responsive records are being released in part pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

Below are general descriptions of certain exemptions under FOIA and a justification for their application here:

**Exemption (b)(6)** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, driver license, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.



Exemption (b)(7)(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate.

As this matter is currently in litigation, if you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact Scott Sroka, Trial Attorney, Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch.

Sincerely,

Patrick Howard Branch Chief

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FOIA Division

Privacy and Diversity Office

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Enclosure(s)



From: CBP-CAT (b) (7)(C) GOOD, BEVERLY; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HARDIMAN, (b) (7)(C) ISBELL, VALERIE S; To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OUINN TIMOTHY: SAHAKIAN DIANE V: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ON, DAVID P; PADILLA, MANUEL JR; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MONCAYO, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b)(7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BORKOWSKI, MARK S; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

RGV-CAT; COSTELLO, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ROBERT J; Subject: Canceled: CBP CAT Daily Coordination Call Importance: High

ALCON,

 $Today's\ migration\ coordination\ call\ meeting\ has\ been\ cancelled.\ The\ next\ regularly\ scheduled\ meeting\ will\ be\ held\ on\ Tuesday,\ March\ 14,\ at\ 3:30p\ .$ 

Please ensure that your participants not listed on this report are aware of this update accordingly.

Thank you,

CBP MCAT



 From:
 LOWRY, KIM M

 To:
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

 Subject:
 RE: SMEs

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:09:01 PM

Thx. Would you add (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to the plate prebrief.... He didn't receive an invite

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:58:35 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M Subject: RE: SMEs

Got it.

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Secretary (House) (Acting)

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)<sub>Office</sub>)

Cell)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:54 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: SMEs

Please add Associate Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to the briefing team. He can answer all

policy/enforcement

Thx!!!

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:29:22 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M Subject: RE: SMEs

OK. Just update me when you can. Worst case, make sure he/she is on the prep call in an hour.

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Department of Homeland Security

Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)<sub>(Office)</sub>

(Cell)

From: LOWRY, KIM M



Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:27 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: SMEs

I may have one more BP briefer. The current BP briefer can speak to wall only.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:20:44 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M Subject: RE: SMEs

Thanks!

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Secretary (House) (Acting)

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office)

(Cell)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:15 AM

ro: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: SMEs

please see (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) title below.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:49:59 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M Subject: RE: SMEs

Kim,

I have two titles:

Director, Incident Management Division Office of Field Operations

Commander.

**CBP-Migration Crisis Action Team** 

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M



Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:16:38 PM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: SMEs

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Would you send me your titles? Thank you Kim

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:06:39 AM

To: HOFFMAN, TODD A; MARTIN, JERRY B; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PROVOST, CARLA (USBP); COUREY, MARC BENNETT (OCC); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: SMEs

Team

Please see below and attached. Are you available at 1230 today for an OLA prebrief?

Thanks Kim

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:43:27 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Deputy Assistant Secretary (House) (Acting)

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Office)

(Cell)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 6:08 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) To: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cc:

Subject: RE: SMEs

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Cc:

Subject: RE: SMEs

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Acting Assistant Director** 

ICE Office of Congressional Relations

From:(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 5:30:04 PM To: LOWRY, KIM M; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(Office)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(Office)





# U.S. Customs and Border Protection Migration Crisis Action Team

**February 27, 2017** 

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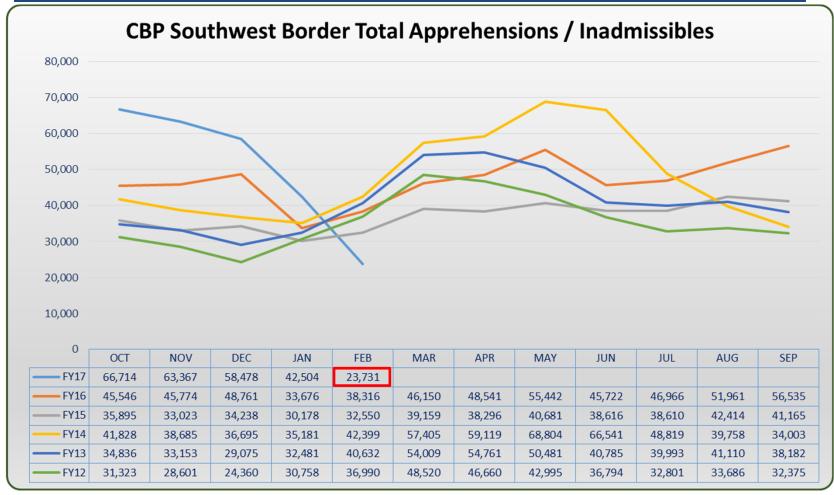


# Southwest Border Status Report (cont.)





# **CBP Southwest Border Total Apprehensions**



<sup>\*</sup> Current projection trend is based on the daily average for February: 848



# CBP Southwest Border In-Custody 21-Day Trend



	Southwest Border In-Custody																					
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July 31, 2019

Austin R. Evers Executive Director, American Oversight 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite B255 Washington, DC 20005

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Sincerely,

Patrick Howard Branch Chief

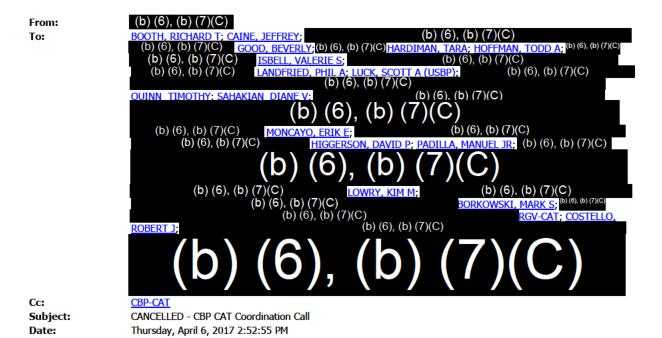
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Privacy and Diversity Office

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Enclosure(s)





ALCON,

Today's Southwest Border migration CAT coordination call has been cancelled.

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Migration Crisis Action Team Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



From: CBP-CAT BOOTH, RICHARD T; CAINE, JEFFREY; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HARDIMAN, TARA To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LANDFRIED, PHIL A: LUCK, SCOTT A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OUINN, TIMOTHY; SAHAKIAN, DIANE V; (b) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) MONCAYO, ERIK E; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HIGGERSON, DAVID P; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PADTILA MANUFI IR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) HAVEZ, GLORIA I; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) s; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Canceled: CBP CAT Daily Coordination Call Start: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:30:00 PM End: Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:00:00 PM

Location: Teleconference: Participant Code - (b) (7)(E); Call-In Number:

(b) ( / )(E)

Importance: High

To all concerned,

Today's call has been cancelled

Thank you,

CBP MCAT.



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From:
                         CBP-CAT
                          (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

| HARDIMAN, TARA; HOFFMAN, TODD A; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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To all concerned,

Today's CBP CAT Daily Coordination Call has been cancelled. The MCAT will provide additional details regarding the next (Thursday 13th) scheduled call.

Thank you,

CBP CAT



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BOOTH, RICHARD T; CAINE, JEFFREY;

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All concerned,

We will be holding today's scheduled migration coordination call. Feel free to contact the MCAT with any questions. The call in info is noted below.

\*Please enter "1" before the toll number when dialing into the call.

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Thank you,

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August 30, 2019

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Dear Mr. Evers:

This is a fourth response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Responses made will encompass responsive records from one or more of the following requests your office has made:

CBP-2018-065315 CBP-2018-065316 CBP-2018-073709 CBP-2019-004718 CBP-2019-004726 CBP-2019-004738

Four hundred and nine pages of records were processed for request CBP-2019-004726. After a review of the records, the following determinations were made:

- Four hundred and six pages of records were determined to be non-responsive.
- Three pages of records were determined to be responsive.

The three pages of responsive records are being released in part pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).

Below are general descriptions of certain exemptions under FOIA and a justification for their application here:

**Exemption (b)(6)** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, driver license, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.



Exemption (b)(7)(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

As this matter is currently in litigation, if you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact Scott Sroka, Trial Attorney, Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch.

Sincerely,

Patrick Howard Branch Chief

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FOIA Division

Privacy and Diversity Office

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Enclosure(s)



From: LOWRY, KIM M (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) To: Subject: FW: SMEs

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:15:23 AM

Pete please see (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) title below.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:49:59 AM

To: LOWRY, KIM M Subject: RE: SMEs

Kim.

I have two titles:

Director, Incident Management Division Office of Field Operations

Commander.

**CBP-Migration Crisis Action Team** 

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:16:38 PM To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: SMEs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Would you send me your titles?

Thank you Kim

From: LOWRY, KIM M

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:06:39 AM

To: HOFFMAN, TODD A; MARTIN, JERRY B; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PROVOST, CARLA (USBP);

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)COUREY, MARC BENNETT (OCC); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: SMEs

Please see below and attached. Are you available at 1230 today for an OLA prebrief?

Thanks Kim



From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:43:27 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: SMEs

Folks,

Attached, you'll see the email that OLA sent to key Hill staff this morning detailing the EO Implementation Guidance. In an effort to ensure transparency with the Hill, we are still planning on conducting a call this afternoon at 2 pm to go over this guidance. We'd like to have SMEs from CBP, ICE, and CIS on the phone to detail their specific agency efforts. Toward that end, a nominal agenda for the 2 pm call is:

- Intro and Overview (OLA) (10 minutes)
- CBP Efforts (10 minutes)
- ICE Efforts (10 minutes)
- CIS Efforts (10 minutes)
- Q&A (20 minutes)

As of now, I have the following SME participating:

- OLA: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- ICE: Executive Associate Director (EAD)<sup>(b)</sup> (6), (b) (7)(C) and Acting Principal Legal Advisor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CBP and CIS – please provide me with SME names and titles soonest.

Also, we'd like to do a prep call at 1230. Can everyone make this time or do we want to push to 1?

Best,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Secretary (House) (Acting)

Department of Homeland Security

Office of Legislative Affairs

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)<sub>(Office)</sub>

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 6:08 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LOWRY, KIM M

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Subject: RE: SMEs



Brief the Hill.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 6:07:14 PM To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OWRY, KIM M

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: SMEs

You looking for a SME to brief the Hill or just a SME in general to discuss implementation?



### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Acting Assistant Director** ICE Office of Congressional Relations

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 5:30:04 PM

To: LOWRY, KIM M; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: SMEs

Kim, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Word on the street is that the implementation guidance will finally be released. Toward that end, we'd like to BE READY to have a SME call tomorrow afternoon to go over the guidance. Ideally, we'd do a 1 pm prep call followed by a 2 pm call with Congressional staff.

Much more to follow, but so that we're ready, can we get the ball rolling on lining up at least one SME each from both CBP and ICE.

Thanks.



### (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Assistant Secretary (House) (Acting) Department of Homeland Security Office of Legislative Affairs (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(Office)



